

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, March 8.

It is said at the Capitol to day that several really wise and worthy bills that would otherwise have passed at the late session of Congress, were defeated solely by the character of the lobbyists their friends employed to urge their passage. Congressmen naturally supposing that something was wrong about them from the fact that such men were interested in them.

In the case of Fred. Miller indicted for gambling in selling pools at the Benning race track the court held the matter under advisement and will render a decision probably next week.

The treasury department sent out an order to return to hasten their income returns just as if the extension of time had been granted by Congress.

Martha F. Hubbard was appointed postmaster at Forks, Mecklenburg Co. Va., to-day, vice Laura Hite, resigned.

Congressmen Cannon, Sayers and Henderson have all made public statements of the expenditures of the last Congress, no two of which agree.

Captain Howgate's application for release on bail pending a new trial was heard by Judge McComas this morning. Bail was fixed at \$30,000 which Howgate's counsel said was excessive.

Chief Postoffice Inspector Wheeler to-day received a telegram from Inspector Edgerton at Philadelphia, announcing the arrest of clerk M. O. Sullivan, of West Philadelphia Station, Philadelphia postoffice, for rifling ordinary letters.

No information in regard to transactions of an official character in this department is to be communicated to any one not authorized to receive it, was a Treasury order issued to-day.

The continuation of the argument in the income tax cases before the Supreme Court of the United States to-day was marked by the presence of a crowd of spectators that thronged the chamber to almost the full limit of its accommodations. There was a liberal sprinkling of members of the bar with in the rail, including several members and ex-members of Congress. Mr. Guthrie continued his argument against the law. He had reached yesterday that part of his address relating to the effect of the fifth amendment to the constitution and he said that he might well refrain from pressing his argument at that point in view of the admission of the attorney-general in his brief that the fifth amendment does require uniformity in the imposition of taxes. "Do you think the requirement still in force since the adoption of the 14th amendment?" asked Justice Gray. "We do," replied Mr. Guthrie. "It is modified by the 14th amendment, but the making of voters of the negro race adds their number to the total among whom the tax must be divided." Justice Brown had asked yesterday if Congress did not have the power to exempt the property of religious, charitable and educational institutions, and Mr. Guthrie had responded that counsel were not pressing that point in argument—they had no objection to this point further to-day, he said, he seriously doubted the power of Congress to exempt these institutions. They are State institutions. Mr. Guthrie asserted that Congress could not so exempt one class of corporations in the States for taxation and exempt others from the same tax. Neither could it tax the naked franchise the right to do business, which the States grant to their citizens. In concluding Mr. Guthrie said that there was no plea to limit or restrict the taxing power of Congress. "We recognize," he said, "that it must be exercised without restraint, except constitutional limitations." The next speaker was Mr. Clarence A. Seward, who also antagonized the constitutionality of the law. Quoting the provisions of the constitution relating to the imposition of taxes, Mr. Seward said it was now about to be judicially determined whether the words in the constitution "direct tax and direct taxes" within the intent of that instrument and of those who made it the fundamental law of the land, meant land tax only, or other taxes; and if other taxes, what ones? "There is a tradition in the legal profession," said he, "that once when a suggestion was made to Mr. Lincoln that a judicial decision settled a question, he responded with some firmness that in this country nothing was settled until it was settled right. Upon that basis we are here, your honors, to ask for a modification of the decision in the Springer case."

A telegram received here this morning from Mr. Frank Hume, who is now at Yale College, says his son's condition is favorable, his pulse having fallen to 88 and his temperature to 100. On the black boards of the stock brokers here to-day shares of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are quoted at 49, the lowest point ever reached.

Ex-Congressman Bynum of Indiana, who is still here, said this morning that the U. S. Supreme Court could not, legally, decide against the constitutionality of the income tax law, and that if it should do so, it would not be quietly submitted to by the people.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, said to-day he had no faith in the new silver party, but great faith in the proposed bi-metallic international conference. It would be time enough, he said, for republicans to be talking about leaving their party when it becomes certain that that party would do nothing to restore the equality of silver and gold.

Senator Platt, republican, of Connecticut, acknowledged this morning that the reason nothing was done to help the people at the late session of Congress, was the fact that the members of his party in the Senate had so determined.

Sewerage in foreign cities is exhaustively treated in the latest volume of consular reports issued by the State Department to-day. The subject is generally treated by Dr. Chanceller, the American consul at Havre, who is a sanitary expert of high repute. He formerly lived in Alexandria.

The Supervising Architect's Office, Treasury Department, has already begun to make preparations to carry into effect the laws of Congress in regard to the erection of public buildings in various sections of the country.

Two men are operating along the line of the Jacksonville Southeast Railway with a system of fraudulent pay checks similar to the recent swindle on the Union Pacific Railway.

DIED. At the residence of her brother, 213 North Alfred street, on the night of Wednesday, March 8, 1895, CLARA V. WEBSTER, daughter of James and Elizabeth Webster, of Baltimore, aged 36 years. Funeral, from Grace church to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends of the family are invited to attend. [Baltimore papers please copy.]

THE NEGROES of New York, who, almost to a man, voted the republican ticket at the last election there, or now say they did, are very angry with, and are loudly denouncing Mr. Strong, the republican mayor, whom their ballots helped to elect, because he, like General Mahone, but unlike President Cleveland, believe it is not yet time to put negroes in prominent positions, and only gives them messengers' and laborers' places. Northern republicans think, or at least say they do, that negroes are good enough to hold important and responsible offices in the South, but the idea of bestowing such offices upon them in the North never seems to enter their heads. With them, it should be a mixed government in the South, but a white man's government in the North.

IF SOUTHERN delegates to national republican conventions were fair representatives of the feeling of the white people of the States of their section, Mr. Reed's opposition to the bill to reimburse Washington-Lee College for the damage done it by the federal army during the war between the States, would prevent him from getting a single vote in the next one, but as they are not, every one of them will probably vote for him.

A PATENT illustration of what has become almost an American characteristic is now on exhibition in the U. S. Supreme Court. Ex-Senator Edmunds, when a member of the U. S. Senate advocated the passage of a bill that imposed an income tax, upon constitutional grounds, but now, as the paid attorney of men trying to evade the payment of that tax, he stands up in the highest court of the land and asserts that that tax is unconstitutional.

THE Taylor-Chase case having set the pace of criminal libel prosecutions in Washington at the sole cost of the government, Mr. Dana, of the New York Sun, has been indicted there and, according to the decision in that case, will not only have to prove every charge he has made against the prosecutor, but also, that he brought them for the public good. Criminal libel cases will now be frequent there.

THE Constitution says the President shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint the officers of the United States. But the President must labor under the false impression that he is above the Constitution, as he has just appointed to office a man, not only against the advice and consent of the Senate, but whose nomination it had emphatically rejected.

SOME of the Washington newspapers are now clamoring for the removal and punishment of a policeman of that city who shot a negro desperado who resisted arrest and assaulted him, and was running away so as to escape jail and continue his robberies and assaults. Of all the cities in the world none would be more benefited by a whipping post than the national capital.

IT APPEARS that the secretary of the American Missionary Society thought his family and himself had more need of a fine house and horses and carriages than foreign heathen had of the gospel, as he supplied that need out of the missionary fund. The heathen can walk, but the secretary of the society referred to must ride behind thoroughbred trotting horses.

THE New York State Senate day yesterday passed the bill to re-establish the whipping post in that State. If the Assembly shall have sense enough to concur, the manners, morals and treasury of New York will all be greatly benefited.

THE REFUSAL of Congress to pay the award in the Behring's Sea case places the State Department in an embarrassing position, as it was its proposition that England accepted. Indeed, the refusal was an infraction of the treaty between the two countries.

OF ALL the beneficiaries of the sugar bounty, the maple sugar makers of the New England States are the greatest, as they, unlike the cane sugar makers of Louisiana, had gone to no extra expense.

Court of Appeals Yesterday.

Yesterday was opinion day in the Court of Appeals, but, owing to the absence of Judge Buchanan, no opinions were handed down.

Stuart and others vs. Commonwealth. Argued by Major R. Taylor Scott for Commonwealth, and Col. R. J. Washington for plaintiffs in error and submitted.

Anderson vs. Commonwealth. Argued by Taylor vs. same. Dismissed for failure to print.

Commonwealth vs. Wellford, Judge. Passed.

Robinson vs. Commonwealth. Argued and continued.

The schooner William Linthicum, from Baltimore for Georgetown, S. C., has been given up as lost at sea. She was inside the capes on February 1, when she was blown out to sea, and has not since been heard from.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The sons of Fred. Douglas: say there will be no contest about his property.

The strike of miners in the Pittsburgh district is spreading, and it is estimated that over 21,000 men are out.

Postmaster General Wm. L. Wilson arrived at his old home, Charlestown, Va., yesterday, and received an ovation from admiring friends.

The grand jury of the District of Columbia yesterday returned an indictment charging Charles A. Dana and William M. Laffan, of New York, with criminally libelling Frank B. Noyes, of Washington.

President Heurieux, of San Domingo, has quarrelled with United States Minister Smythe. It is the general opinion that a crisis in the affairs of the island is impending, but there are no signs of a revolt as yet.

It is pointed out that there is a possibility of a combination of democrats and republicans in the organization of the Senate of the Fifty-fourth Congress by which the populist members would not hold the balance of power.

George L. Shoup was yesterday elected Senator from Idaho, receiving 27 votes for 19 for Sweet and 14 for Crook. The election was brought by six of the Sweet men voting for him, and securing one populist absentee.

Ex-Senator Walsh, of Georgia, says that the South has no fear of the new bimetallic party, but that it will remain democratic and that to the democratic party it will entrust the solution of the bimetallic problem. Other representative southern men express similar views.

It is reported at Montevideo that Admiral Da Gama, leader of the recent rebellion in Brazil, has re-entered Brazil and taken up arms against the government in the province of Rio Grande with a force of 3,200 men, comprising a naval battalion, with twenty-seven naval officers.

The application for the bail of W. C. Chase, convicted of criminal libel upon upon C. H. J. Taylor, the recorder of deeds of the District, was argued in Washington yesterday by Mr. Campbell, of Eastern, and J. H. Hewlett, and Judge Colwell allowed Chase to be released on \$1,000 bail until after the assignment for a new trial in his case.

It was stated at the Archdiocesan residence in Baltimore on Wednesday that Cardinal Gibbons had not yet made any definite plans for his visit to Rome. He will celebrate the festival of Easter at the Cathedral. How much time will elapse thereafter before matters are arranged for his departure, it was said, is purely a matter of conjecture.

Upon affidavits of two physicians to the effect that Rev. Dominick O'Grady, who slew Mr. Gilmartin, is neither in mental nor physical condition to undergo a trial, Judge Wilson in Cincinnati yesterday ordered his case continued until the next term of court. Father O'Grady's counsel says he never expects his client to be able to undergo a trial.

A German girl named Anna Stereizinger, 14 years old, whom Prof. Lovinheart carried to Washington from Canada, has been taken in charge by the police through orders from Canada, and is held. The professor claims the child was intended as a traveling companion for his wife, but it is believed he had other objects in taking her to Washington.

The crew of the United States transport Fern, which arrived at the Boston navy yard Wednesday night, had a thrilling experience on her trip from Philadelphia. Fire broke out in the cabin, and it was only by many hours of hard fighting on the part of the officers and crew that the flames were kept from the magazine, where 400 pounds of powder was stored.

The divorce suit of Charles L. Glascock vs. Carrie M. Glascock, in which Senator Stewart was named as co-respondent, has been dismissed in Washington. There was evidence that at one time they had laid a plan to make a scene involving Senator Stewart in front of the Riggs House. Senator Stewart intended at one time to have the couple prosecuted for conspiracy to blackmail, but no action has ever been taken.

Sir Richard Webster, in the British House of Commons, yesterday questioned the government on the negotiations for a settlement with the United States of the British sealers' claims. The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, in reply, stated that Canada had agreed to accept a lump sum of \$225,000 from the United States in settlement of all claims, and that Secretary Gresham had expressed regret at the unfortunate delay in discharging the obligations of the United States.

There was a rumor in New York yesterday that the engagement of the Duchess of Manchester and Mr. Wm. K. Vanderbilt would shortly be announced. The Duchess of Manchester was formerly Miss Consuelo Yznaga, a sister of Fernando Yznaga, who at one time was the husband of Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt's sister, now Mrs. Tiffany.

Some years ago Miss Yznaga married Viscount Mandeville, who later became the Duke of Manchester. Her husband died several years ago, leaving several children, the eldest son of whom, a lad in his teens, is the present holder of the title.

The deficiencies in the accounts of the American Church Missionary Society, of New York, and which have resulted so far in the seizure of the body, Rev. W. Newbold, severing his connection with it, promise to be a brilliant scandal. The deficit amounts to some \$19,000. Mr. Newbold has confessed to four different members of the society these defalcations, and they also have a letter written by him confessing his crime, and pleading on the score of past service for leniency and claiming that he was obliged to take the money to support a large and expensive family. Mr. Newbold lives in a fine place at Montclair, N. J., which he stated to the press he estimates to be worth \$25,000, and also keeps horses, a cow and carriage.

DRAPED SKIRTS THE RAGE.—According to a well-known fashion writer across the Atlantic the whole tone of woman's dress is going to alter with the spring. The skirts will be very complicated. Some double skirts are appearing, and we shall most undoubtedly have skirts slightly raised on one side. For young girls we shall have naught but the simplicity of flounces, tucks and ruffles; but for matrons everything rich and much trimmed will be the vogue. Gauze, tulle, crepe and crepon will be accorded plenty to meet their requirements.

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